THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) to (c) A request from Vamsi Hi-Tech Super Speciality Hospital & Research Institute (P) Ltd., Tanuku was received through Shri Hanumantha Rao, Hon'ble Member of Parliament for display of advertisement regarding the facilities available with hospital and telephone number etc. The hospital had also informed that they were ready and capable to provide emergency trauma care to road accident victims.

The proposal could not be considered as it was against guidelines of Indian Road Congress. However, it was agreed that NHAI may provide informatory sign of "Hospital" near that hospital. The organisation was requested to contact the Project Director of Project Implementation Unit of the Authority at Rajamundhry. This was communicated to the Hon'ble MP vide the Authority's letter dated 20th April 2005.

(d) and (e) The authority welcomes voluntary work done by the hospitals to help the accident victims.

NHDP Phases V to VII

4613. SHRI E. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had decided to take up the National Highway Development Project Phases V to VII;

(b) if so, the details thereof,

(c) whether it is also a fact that under the said Project Phase 5,000 kms. Would be converted into [illegible] roads from four lane roads; and

(d) if so, the details [illegible]

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) to (d) The Committee of Infrastructure, set up by the Government, has considered a presentation made by the Planning Commission involving programmes with a total investment of Rs. 1,72,000 crore for up gradation of National Highways in next seven years (2005 - 2012). Following programmes are included in this project:

(i) Balance of National Highway Development Project (NHDP) Phase I & II for Golden Quadrilateral and North-South and East-West Corridors respectively.

(ii) 4/6 laning of 10,000 kms. Of National Highways on Build Operate and Transfer basis under NHDP Phase III.

(iii) Accelerated Road Development in North East Region.

(iv) Up gradation of about 20,000 kms. Of single/intermediate lane National Highways to 2-lanes with paved shoulders under NHDP Phase IV.

(v) 6 laning of around 5000 kms. Under NHDP phase V.

(vi) Identification and construction of around 1,000 km. Expressway under NHDP Phase VI.

(vii) Construction of by passes, flyovers ROBs etc. at required locations under NHDP Phase VII.

NHD Project

4614. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had decided to take up the National Highway Development Project Phases V to VII on a BOT basis;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government had set up an Empowered Committee to tackle the problems of delay in the acquisition of land, etc; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) and (b) Government has decided to take up all future works of NHDP, as far as possible, mainly on BOT basis with viability gap funding support as per policy. However in certain exceptional cases, some works may be taken up with fuller funding support by the Government in public interest.